

## Capsule Summary

### **Inventory No.F-3-222**

Frederick City Abattoir Company  
809 E. South Street  
Frederick (Frederick County), Maryland  
Ca. 1910  
Access: Private

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The Frederick City Abattoir Company represents an important component of the agricultural economy of Frederick County (National Register Criterion A). Much of Frederick City's industry through the 18th ,19th , and into the 20th century was directly related to the region's agricultural economy, with mills and tanneries the primary industries. While the processing of animal stock could be managed by individual farmers, with the coming of the B&O Railroad to Frederick in the 1830s, agricultural processing became more centralized. The Frederick City Abattoir Company was located near the railroad, but on the outskirts of the city to segregate the odor, noise, and debris of

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the livestock butchering and packaging complex from the city's commercial and residential center. The two-building brick complex is a good example of an early 20th century industrial complex (National Register Criterion C).

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### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Frederick City Abattoir Company (preferred); J.A. Whitfield Co.; Frederick County Products, Inc.  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 809 E. South St. not for publication  
city, town Frederick vicinity  
county Frederick

### 3. Owner of Property

(gives names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wolfe Family LLLP  
street and number telephone  
city, town state zip code

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick Co. Courthouse liber 2632 folio 800  
city, town Frederick tax map 418 tax parcel 1019 tax ID number Unknown

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☒ Other: Not previously recorded

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	recreation/culture 2 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> Site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	religion structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	social objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	transportation 2 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	vacant/not in use
			other:
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### *Description Summary*

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### *Description*

The Frederick City Abattoir Company is a brick industrial complex composed of two buildings. The larger (main) building, fronting approximately 300 feet along the east side of East South Street, is a three-story brick building with several sections of varied height. There is a loading dock of concrete on the southwest (front) elevation across the first story of the main three-story section. One bay is a wide, arched entrance, now enclosed. The dock is covered with a cantilevered hipped metal roof. Three brick towers (elevator or cooling towers) project on the roof. The exterior walls of the main building are laid with recessed sections two bays wide with stepped brick corbelling across the top, just below the roof line. The roof is flat with a raised parapet around the perimeter, capped with tile coping. Most of the windows are topped with shallow brick arches, although a number of windows appear to be added or altered, their arches removed. Most of the third story windows are infilled with concrete block. On the northwest elevation a one-story addition is constructed of cast (ashlar) concrete block, which houses a loading dock. The northwest wall of the addition has 4 vertical board sliding garage doors. The addition is dated "1937" with a cast date block. There are several block and frame one-story additions on the northeast (rear) elevation as well.

A much smaller, two-story brick building is located behind (northeast) the main building. It is a gable end construction with similar recessed sections and stepped brick corbelling. Windows are also variously arched or flat. A one-story shed addition on the northwest elevation is constructed of brick with recessed sections and appears to be contemporary with the building.

The lot on which the Frederick City Abattoir Company complex is located is mainly gravel and scruff vegetation. The exterior of the building is peeling white paint with "Frederick County Products Inc." painted in large black letters across a red painted banner on the northwest and southwest elevations near the roof line. The buildings are in fair condition but appear to be poorly maintained.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> industry <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture <input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation <input type="checkbox"/> law <input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage <input type="checkbox"/> literature <input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates c.1910-1979

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates c.1910; 1937

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### Summary of Significance

The Frederick City Abattoir Company represents an important component of the agricultural economy of Frederick County (National Register Criterion A). Much of Frederick City's industry through the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century was directly related to the region's agricultural economy, with mills and tanneries the primary industries. While the processing of animal stock could be managed by individual farmers, with the coming of the B&O Railroad to Frederick in the 1830s, agricultural processing became more centralized. The Frederick City Abattoir Company was located near the railroad, but on the outskirts of the city to segregate the odor, noise, and debris of the livestock butchering and packaging complex from the city's commercial and residential center. The two-building brick complex is a good example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century industrial complex (National Register Criterion C).

### Historic Context

**Note: For a more comprehensive historical context of agriculture in Frederick City/County, see "Thematic Historical Context – Agriculture," for the City of Frederick, Paula S. Reed & Assoc., Inc. 2003.**

After the Civil War, Maryland's urbanization accelerated. Population began to shift with internal migration from the countryside to the cities. Baltimore grew, but so did cities like Cumberland, Hagerstown and, to a lesser extent, Frederick. The slowed but steady growth of the population and economic base of Frederick city during the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century encouraged city authorities to look toward expansion of the city limits. In 1870, the taxable limits of Frederick were extended.<sup>1</sup> The expansion encompassed a number of outlying farms that would provide the acreage necessary for residential developments in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

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Throughout the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, competition from Mid-Western grain resulted in Maryland sharing a smaller percentage of the whole amount of grain produced in the U.S. Frederick County maintained its agricultural base, however, and continued among the highest producers in the state of corn and wheat. But a gradual shift in production was beginning. The value of livestock in Frederick County in the 1860 Agricultural Census showed the county leading the state.<sup>2</sup> The high value of livestock suggests the prominence of dairy beginning to emerge in the county, which had the necessary access to city markets via the B&O Railroad, the Western Maryland Railroad (1869), and the Frederick & Pennsylvania Line (1872), which connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad in Littlestown, PA.<sup>3</sup>

Frederick city's industry remained based primarily in agricultural-related products. Milling continued at Brunner's City Mill on Bentz Street and at Kemp's Steam Flouring Mills on Carroll Street, as well as a number of tanneries and fertilizer plants and lime kilns. But as the urbanization and industrialization process gradually transformed the economy of Maryland, Frederick County farmers responded by shifting to meat and dairy products, fruit, and vegetable production. The canning of vegetables, fruits, and oysters was a relatively new technology, which catered to the emerging large industrial city markets rather than the traditional local farmer's markets of fresh produce. Canning and packing companies developed in Frederick beginning in the 1860s and accelerated in the 1890s with three companies in operation on East South Street beyond Carroll Street, the Frederick City Packing Co., the Monocacy Valley Canning Co., and the Colt & Dixon Packing Co., by 1904.<sup>4</sup>

### *Resource History*

Joining the agricultural industries of Frederick in 1910 was the Frederick City Abattoir Company. Touted as a centralized facility for stock butchering, the large complex was constructed outside the city limits, segregating its odorous and potentially unhealthful business from the commercial and residential city center. Established by Harry D. Baumgardner, the development of the abattoir was described by T.J.C. Williams in his 1910 History of Frederick County, Maryland:

Since 1888 he [Harry Baumbarder] has been engaged in the wholesale and retail oyster business as a side line, and has acquired a large trade. In 1905, he embarked in the butchering business....Mr. Baumgardner is a progressive man and has been one of the foremost workers to organize a stock company to erect an abattoir on a site about a half mile east of Frederick. Here all the butchers of Frederick would have their stock killed and the slaughtering would be done outside the town limits.<sup>5</sup>

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It seems likely that the large building included refrigeration facilities for storage of meat prior to its transport to city markets via the nearby railroad.

Baumgardner's plan for the abattoir appears to have begun in 1907 with his purchase of a 22-acre site on East South Street from the M.J. Grove Lime Company.<sup>6</sup> In December 1910, Baumgardner sold the property to the Frederick City Abattoir Company for \$5,000, indicating the facility may have been under construction.<sup>7</sup> In 1917, the property to a Virginia corporation known as the Old Dutch Market. Included in the sale of 22 acres was the "Abattoir plant, machinery, fittings and equipment thereon," as well as "all its brands, copy rights and trade marks, and all its rights to use the same, of and concerning all the brands and grades of goods manufactured or sold by it."<sup>8</sup>

The Old Dutch Market company became the Old Dutch Realty Development Company in 1920, and apparently developed their industrial property in Frederick. In 1927, the property was sold to Frederick County Products Incorporated for a whopping \$72,500.<sup>9</sup> The Frederick County Products company apparently purchased livestock from local farmers, then slaughtered and packaged their product for sale in urban markets. The business continued operating into the 1970s, and was commonly known as the livestock auction. In 1979 the property was sold to P. Eugene and Mildred Romsburg, who owned it for 20 years.<sup>10</sup> Recently the buildings and approximately 3 acres were sold to Wolfe Family LLLP, who now operate a Flea Market in the building and lease other sections to local companies.<sup>11</sup>

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Frederick County Land Records, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, MD.

Williams, T. J. C. History of Frederick County, Maryland. Baltimore, MD: Regional Publishing Co., 1967, reprint of the original 1910 edition.

1904 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Frederick City, microfilm collection, Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick, MD.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Approximately 3 acres

Acreage of historical setting 22 acres

Quadrangle name Frederick, MD Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is defined on Frederick County tax map 418, parcel 1019, lot 1.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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organization Paula S. Reed & Assoc., Inc. date July 2003

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city or town Hagerstown state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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<sup>1</sup> 1870, Thomas O'Neal, Plat of the Extended Taxable Limits of Frederick City. Engineering Office, Frederick City Hall, Frederick, MD.

<sup>2</sup> Livestock in Frederick Co. was valued at \$1,534,048, with Baltimore and Washington Counties close behind; Census Data for the Year 1860, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Study 00003: Historical Demographic, Economic, and Social Data, US, 1790-1970. Ann Arbor: ICPSR.

<sup>3</sup> T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County, Maryland, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., (1967, reprint of the original 1910 edition), p.402.

<sup>4</sup> Williams, p. 401; 1904 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Frederick City, microfilm collection, Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick, MD.

<sup>5</sup> Williams, p. 1493.

<sup>6</sup> Frederick Co. Land Record, Liber 292, Folio 357.

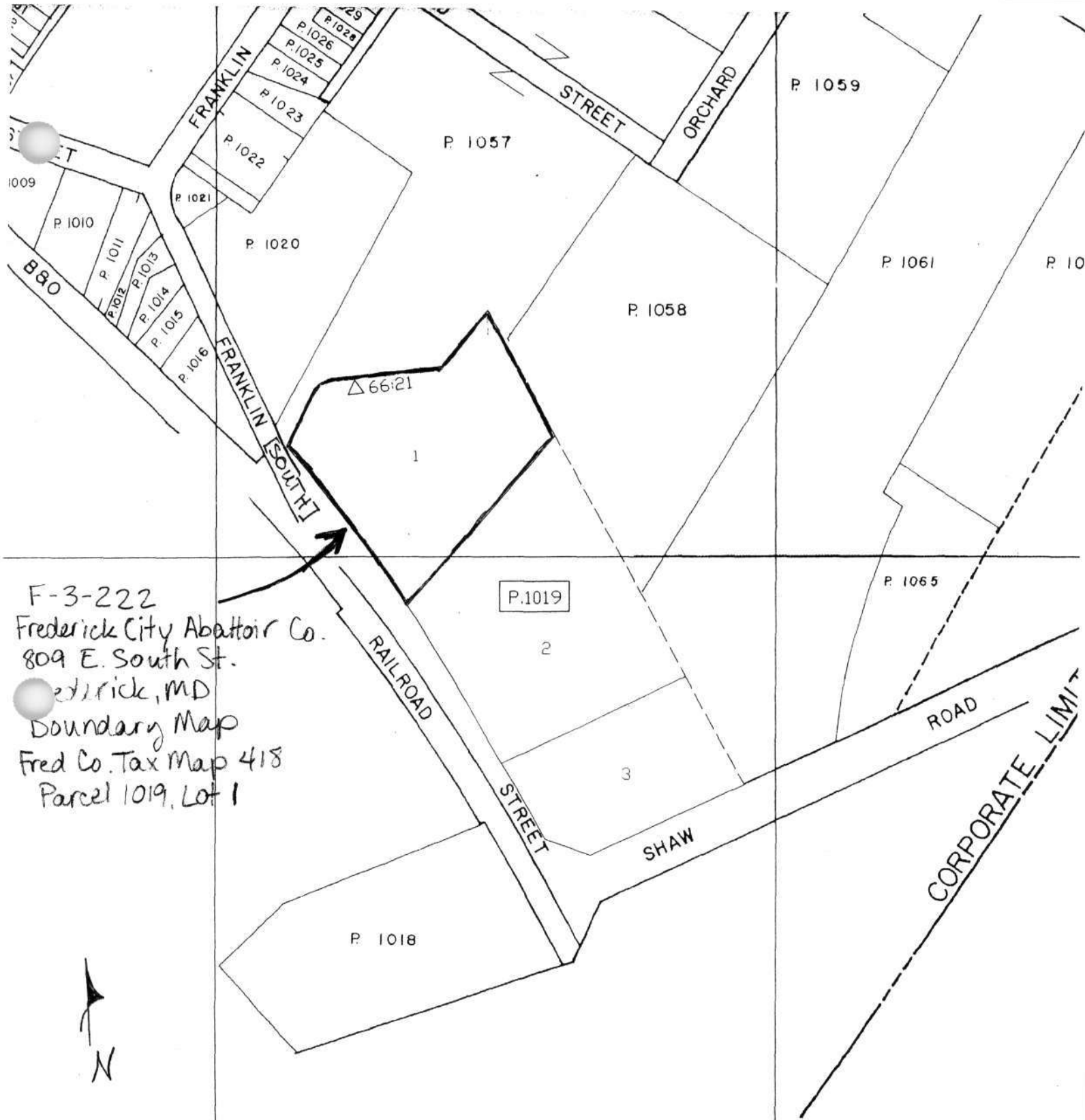
<sup>7</sup> Frederick Co. Land Record, Liber 294, Folio 265.

<sup>8</sup> Frederick Co. Land Records, Liber 328, Folios 187 and 189.

<sup>9</sup> Frederick Co. Land Records, Liber 333, Folio 144 (Old Dutch Realty); Liber 362, Folio 275 (Fred. Co. Products).

<sup>10</sup> Frederick Co. Land Record, Liber 1081, Folio 761.

<sup>11</sup> Frederick Co. Land Record, Liber 2632, Folio 800.



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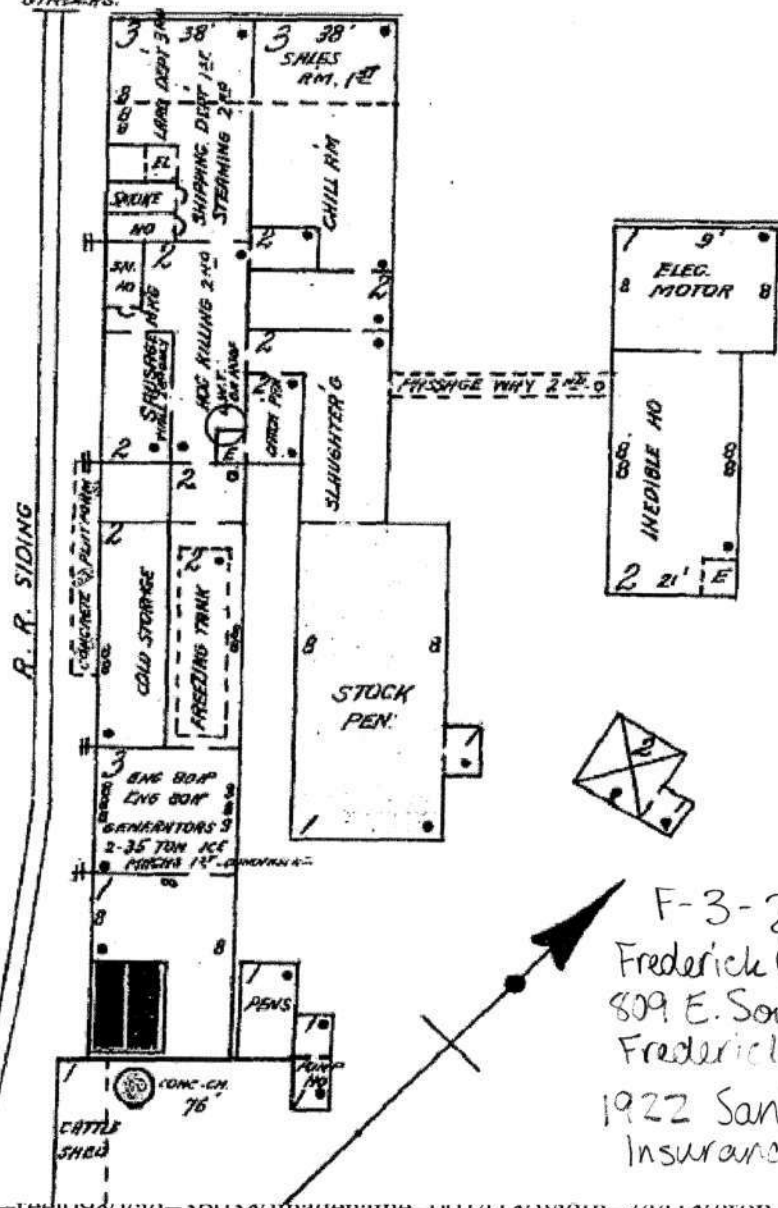
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Maryland

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FREDERICK  
MARYLAND

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BURYED

LIGHTS: ELECTRIC .. HEAT & POWER: STEAM,  
FUEL: COAL .. NO WATCHMAN .. NO FIRE APPS  
BUILDINGS FIRE PROOF CONSTR EXCEPT EXPOSED STEEL  
SUPPORTS.



NO EXPOSURE

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Frederick City Abattoir Co.  
809 E. South St.  
Frederick, MD  
1922 Sanborn Fire  
Insurance Co. Map

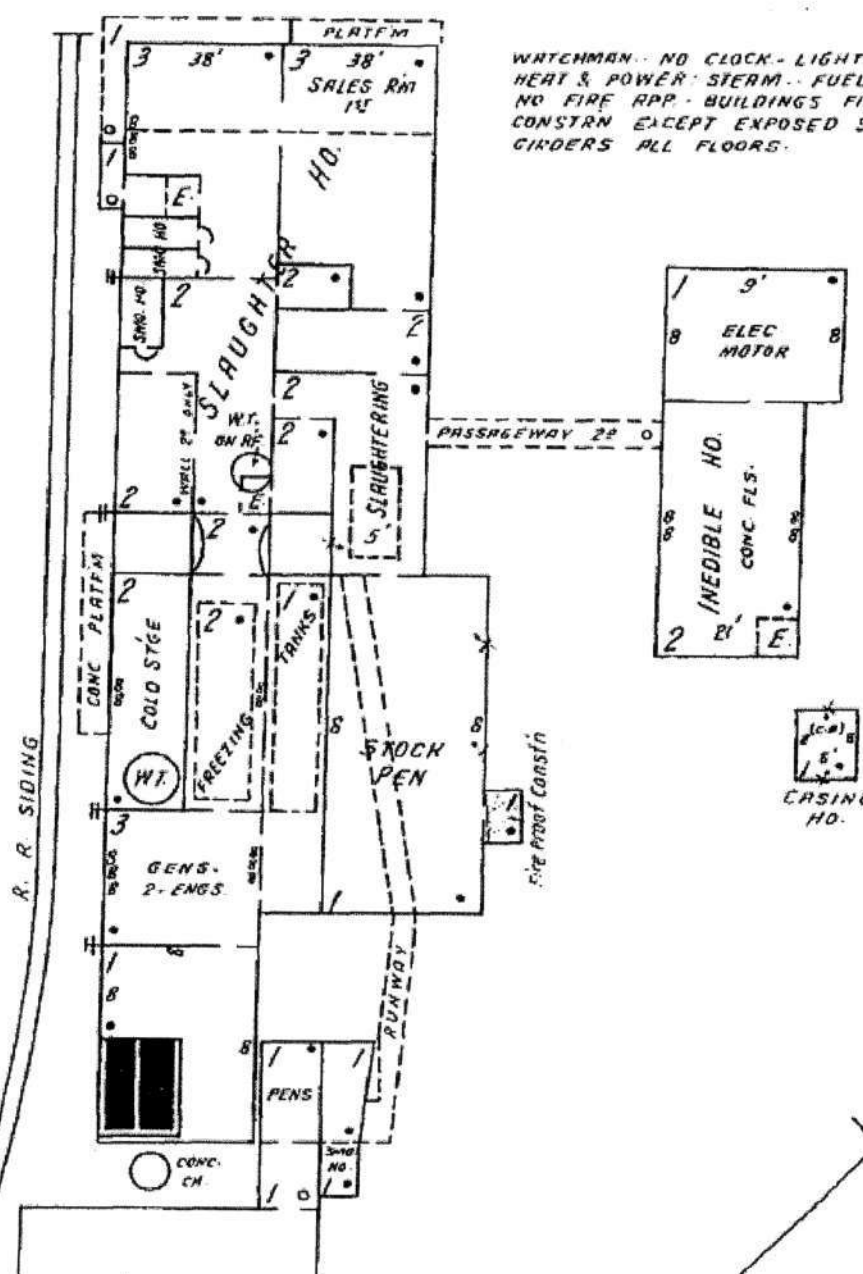
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Frederick, MD

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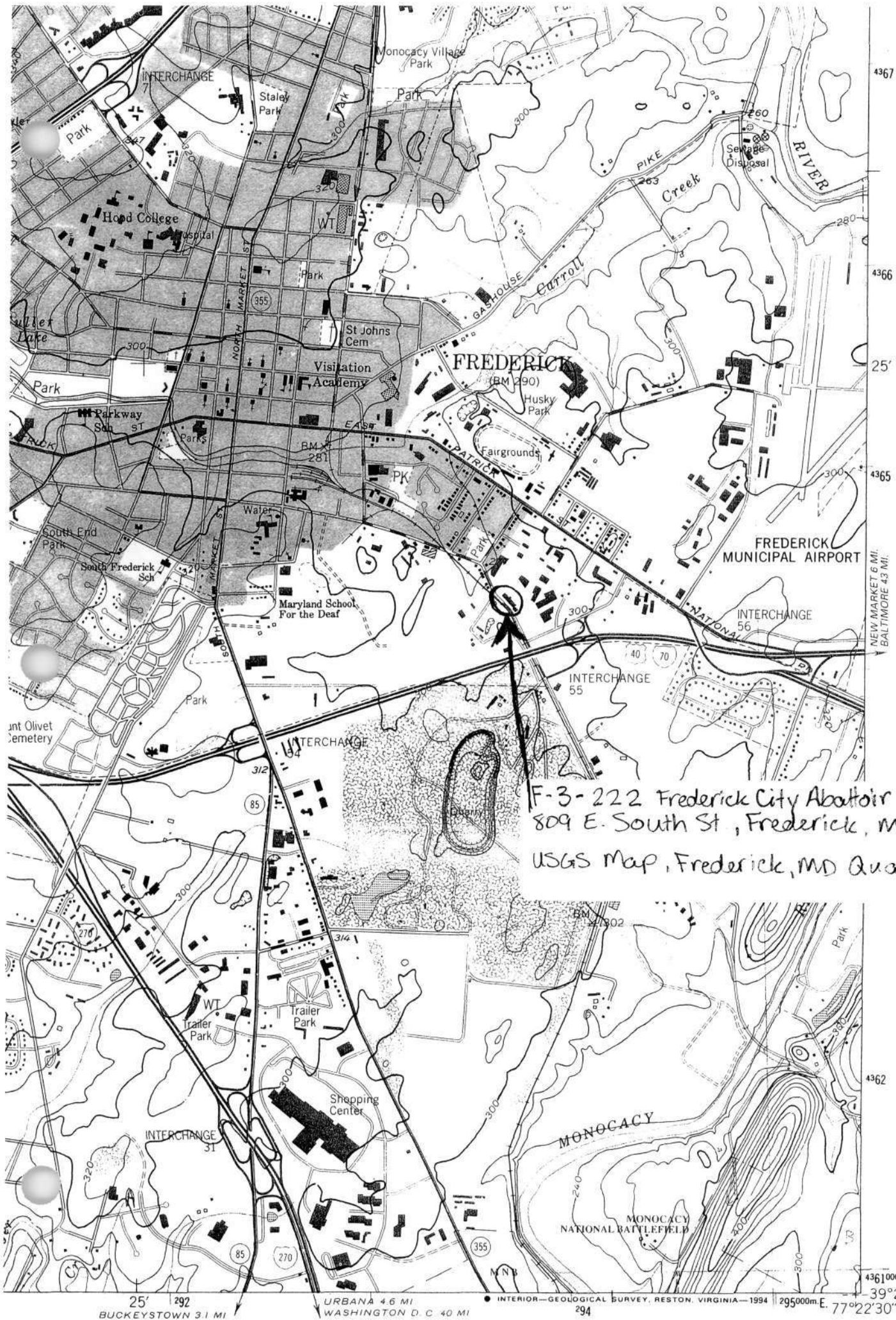
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# FREDERICK COUNTY PRODUCTS INC. PORK & BEEF PACKERS



WATCHMAN - NO CLOCK - LIGHTS ELEC -  
HEAT & POWER - STEAM - FUEL COAL -  
NO FIRE APP - BUILDINGS FIRE PROOF  
CONSTR EXCEPT EXPOSED STEEL  
GIRDERS ALL FLOORS.

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 809 E. South St, Frederick, MD  
 USGS Map, Frederick, MD Quad





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Frederick City Abattoir Co.  
809 E. South St.

Frederick, MD

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View NW from E. South St.

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Frederick City Abattoir Co.

809 E. South St.

Frederick, MD

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SW elevation, view NE from E. South St.

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ARABY  
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809 E. South St.

Frederick, MD

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NW and SW elevations, view E

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NW elevation, view SE

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MY THREE GIRLS  
FLEA MARKET  
SAT. 9AM - 5PM  
SUN. 9AM - 5PM  
305-720-1000

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809 E. South St.

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view SE of NE elevation of main building and  
view of secondary building

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